



# LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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## House Update and Public Laws for the Week of April 14-April 19, 2008

### Last Week in the House

**On Monday, April 14, 2008**, the House passed five suspension bills:

- H.Res. 886, "Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado" (Passed 380-0, [Roll Call 183](#))
- H.Res. 994, "Expressing support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day" (Passed 377-0, [Roll Call 184](#))
- H.R. 4881, "Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007" (Passed by voice)
- H.R. 3548, "Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007" (Passed 376-1, [Roll Call 185](#))
- H.Res. 259, "Honoring and recognizing the work of the Meals On Wheels Association of America" (Adopted by voice)

*\*Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.*

**On Tuesday, April 15, 2008**, the House considered eight suspension bills:

- H.R. 5036, "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008" (**Failed 239-178**, [Roll Call 188](#))
- H.R. 5517, "The "Texas Military Veterans Post Office" Designation Act" (Passed 413-0, [Roll Call 191](#))
- H.R. 4056, "Federal Law Enforcement Officers Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008" (Passed by voice)
- H.Res. 1053, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week Act of 2007" (Adopted by voice)
- H.Res. 1095, "Commemorating the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act" (Adopted by voice)
- H.R. 5570, "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008" (Passed by voice)
- H.R. 5493, "To provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration" (Passed by voice)
- H.Res. 1068, "To permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives and in the House Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other Federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the House of Representatives" (Adopted by voice)

**On Tuesday, April 15, 2008**, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 5719, "The Taxpayer Simplification Act" (Passed 238-179, [Roll Call 190](#))



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**On Wednesday, April 16, 2008**, the House passed two suspension bills:

- H.R. 5813, "To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008" (Passed by voice)
- H.Res. 1097, "Expressing support for the designation of the month of April 2008, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month" (Passed 410-0, [Roll Call 202](#))

**On Wednesday, April 16, 2008**, the House passed two rules bills:

- H.R. 2634, "Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Collection Act" (Passed 285-132, [Roll Call 199](#))
- H.R. 2537, "Beach Protection Act of 2007" (Passed by voice vote)

**On Thursday, April 17, 2008**, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 5715, "Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act" (Passed 383-27, [Roll Call 204](#))

## Public Laws Signed Last Week

**For the Week of April 14-April 18**, the President signed 2 bills into law:

- H.R. 5813, "To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008"
- S. 204, "A bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia"

Thus far in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, the President has signed 201 bills into law. Of those bills, 76 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.